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The Vnnatural
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A most wretched Murder commit-
 ted by *Elizabeth Hurd*, a Wo-
 man, that sold Oranges and
 Lemmons near Soper Lane end
 in Cheap side

Murther is a crying sin, and of it self, commonly
 now is discover'd, as will appear in this ensuing
 lamentable discourse.
 Of all Examples weighing the circumstances of this
 none more horrid and cruel, never heard or read of
 But I must needs confess that every Age hath produced ex-
 amples of most heinous Murders, committed
 Judgment of God that hath so closely purged these sin-
 ners, that they have been almost entirely
 full manner, that their souls have been taken at the
 their own ruin: For were it not for the punishment
 which

But surely this Age hath brought forth more horrid
 crimes, than ever were known before. In times of late
 the world was full of blood, and men were raised as
 beasts, and men were made as beasts, and men were
 have started back, or withdrawn himself behind as I did,
 I shudder to have beheld them; but blood is a crying sin,
 and cryeth unto God for Vengeance; and though a long
 time is bath been since that, yet I shall alwaies sound a
 peevish tale, and speak as loud as Thunder.

discourse, I shall give you some instances of Murders that have been committed of late, and most remarkable,

"I have a terrible conscience upon me, for a murder
 was committed on New England's Apparent calm Milkstream
 by his death, and I am the man who killed the chief
 by action of murdering of life, was because my self and
 finally more were eye-witness of the disturbing of confes-
 sion, this young man had as the remembrance of that
 woody and horrid murder, crying out day and night a-
 gainst himself, for the guilt of this heinous crime, and
 that of me, during his friend took spiritually, and for mer-
 cy from the Almighty, which I make no doubt but as last
 he received.

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which I have now, I am ready to do, and to the
matter of murder. I am ready to do, and to the
And, how should we be able to wait the news, keep
company? I am ready to do, and to the
beds, as appears by this wretched woman murdering
the Grand-child, the which is now to be published, could
give you many more examples of this kind, and of our
times, but as I am loath to hold you any longer from
the thing in hand, I therefore, I shall proceed to the
story.

The horridness of the Crime, which I am going to
write, aimed fill my eyes with tears, and put me to
my pen, when I do consider, what the people said, *Paul*
says, The Lord is a Father to the Fatherless, and a Friend to
the Widow. But on the ground of horrors, what shall
we think of this unnatural Grand-Mother? That in stead
of nourishing and cherishing that which comes at first from
her own Lones, she so uncomen like and unmanly
had her destroyed.

We will put the case; if any should be so impudently
bold to plead for revenge, and to go about to justify Mur-
der for some shules or injuries formerly committed (as
may be foolishly pretended) but alas what can be said in
such a case as this, wherein there is nobody to plead but
an Innocent Grand-child against an unnatural Grand-
Mother. With thousands of tears and exclamations of an
Indolent and careless Mother, against her Mother who
had her own breath, and now hath almost destroyed her,
by murdering the child which she had so many heavy
pains and sorrows. But on the cruelty and bloodiness
of this Age we live in, where some justify or rather glorify
in such a killing, that killing is an *Atrocity*. And it is to
be feared that too many of these mix among the peo-
ple throughout this Nation. In all societies, it is feared
in such and such kind of crimes; And I am afraid I
doubt

might

And having committed this horrible and wicked
 murder, the poor man was left to
 in her pocket, and it is enough thought to make
 her escape: But God who will not suffer the Murderer to
 go unpunished, made some of the neighbors marvel being
 working day at her being so late, when you one or two
 of them said Good Morning, Gammer Hazards, you are
 very fine this morning, what are you not going to the
 Market today, yet you said no, but calls a noise by
 her name that was there, they began to come in with the
 and see what had done this morning, and so came
 the Maid to the Tub, which she had drowned the child
 in, through which the Maid kept her foot to the window and
 opened it, and cried Murder, Murder, when upon the
 Neighbors came in, and there they found the poor
 drowned Child, so the extreme sorrow and grief of
 all the Spectators who presently apprehended her, and
 carried her before Alder man Yates, now Lord Mayor
 of London, who after Examination (the not denying
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